

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Wednesday, July 26, 2000

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. OSE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 26, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DOUG OSE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend C.F. McDowell, III, Baptist's Children's Homes of North Carolina, Thomasville, North Carolina, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, You are worthy of our time and attention as we begin this day.

For each person in this Chamber, may these moments represent a day full of the blessings of Your loving presence, amazing grace, guiding hand, sustaining strength, and perfect wisdom.

May each of us as Americans fulfill the hope of the late Dr. Peter Marshall in casting off all Pharisaical garments, laying down the overcoats of smug complacency, putting aside self-interest and pride, and become truly righteous so that America might rise to her God appointed destiny of world leadership.

May Thy will be done in this place today above party and personality for the good of every American, peace in the world, and Your glory. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. WELLER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WELLER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 4040. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a program under which long-term care insurance is made available to Federal employees, members of the uniformed services, and civilian and military retirees, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate disagrees to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2614) "An Act to amend the Small Business Investment Act to make improvements to the certified development company program, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. BOND, Mr. BURNS, and Mr. KERRY, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-65, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, and in consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, announces the appointment of Alan L. Hansen, AIA, of Virginia, to serve as a member of the Commission on the National Military Museum.

INTRODUCTION OF REVEREND C.F. McDOWELL III

(Mr. MCINTYRE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize the gentleman who is today's guest chaplain, the Reverend C.F. McDowell, III, who just offered our prayer.

A native of Greensboro, North Carolina, Reverend McDowell currently serves as executive vice president of Special Ministries for the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina.

He is immensely involved in community, civic and church-related activities, and he has served the citizens of North Carolina through his decision, dedication, and determination.

He is a man of decision who has provided support and guidance to many, including myself, and many others in many communities throughout North Carolina.

He is a man of dedication who has provided a positive example for all to

follow and whose hope he shares with many, especially young people and children, now in his current position.

Finally, he is a man of determination who understands that we face challenges every day, not only as families, but also as a Nation, challenges that will define our future.

Reverend McDowell is one of those special folks that provides advice and guidance to those seeking answers to life's most difficult questions and problems.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend McDowell has spent his entire life serving people. So it was very appropriate today that he came from North Carolina to join us here in the people's House to provide us with keen insight, a man of decision and dedication and determination who is, indeed, I am sure my colleagues will agree, his words in his prayer offered up to God have blessed us and will bless us in this day of decision and dedication and determination for all of us and for America.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will receive 15 one-minute speeches on each side.

TAX RELIEF WILL HELP THE AMERICAN FAMILY

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, today is just another typical Wednesday for the average hard-working American family because, Mr. Speaker, millions of hard-working people will punch a time card at work in order just to put food on the table and clothes on the back of their children.

Yet, every day, the IRS takes far more than its fair share out of the average American's paycheck.

The continual greed of a bloated and inefficient Washington bureaucracy is being financed on the back of hard-working Americans.

Mr. Speaker, by providing meaningful tax relief, parents will not have to spend their extra time at a second job to make ends meet. Instead, these hard-working parents will have more time to spend with their kids or to lend time to their elderly family members.

Tax relief can bring about a family renewal.

I am proud to be a part of a Republican Congress dedicated to helping